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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO CHAD

REF: A) NDJAMENA 2789; B) STATE 183292; C) NDJAMENA 255;

D) KINSHASA 7424

1. REF A STATES CHAD GOVERNMENT HAS RECEIVED WORD THAT ZAIRE "WOULD BE PREPARED TO ACT AS THIRD COUNTRY IN TRANSFER OF US EQUIPMENT". THIS SEEMS TO BE CHANGE FROM GOZ'S PREVIOUS POSITION REPORTED REF B, I.E., ZAIRE WOULD NOT ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO CHAD.

2. CHAD AMBASSADOR CALLED ON ME TODAY TO SAY HE HAD DELIVERED TO MOBUTU LETTER FROM CHAD PRESIDENT REQUESTING ZAIRE'S ASSISTANCE. AMBASSADOR SAID MOBUTU AGREED TO FACILITATE TRANSFER OF US EQUIPMENT TO CHAD. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUERY, AMBASSADOR SAID THAT WHILE NO DETAILS OR SPECIFIC ITEMS WERE DISCUSSED, HE HAD IMPRESSION BOTH HIS PRESIDENT AND MOBUTU WERE THINKING IN TERMS OF NEW EQUIPMENT FROM US RATHER THAN EQUIPMENT (E.G., C-130S) ALREADY IN ZAIRE.

3. WHILE NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR FROM INFORMATION WE HAVE RECEIVED
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TO DATE RE CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON AND NDJAMENA, IT WAS OUR IMPRESSION THAT ASSISTANCE WE CONTEMPLATED FROM ZAIRE WOULD BE IN FORM OF LOAN OR TRANSFER OF US EQUIPMENT WHICH GOZ COULD SPARE FROM STOCKS ALREADY IN-COUNTRY. MOBUTU, ON THE OTHER HAND, SEEMS TO HAVE IN MIND ONLY SERVING AS FUNNEL FOR NEW MATERIEL.

4. I HAVE TENTATIVE APPOINTMENT WITH MOBUTU EARLY TOMORROW

MORNING, AUGUST 19, AT WHICH TIME I WILL SEEK CONFIRMATION OF
GOZ'S POSITION. WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING BEFOREHAND (I.E.
NIACT) CLARIFICATION OF POINT RAISED PARA 3 ABOVE AND ANY OTHER
GUIDANCE ON THIS SUBJECT.
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